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Honorable David Hess Secretary Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rachel Carson Building, 16th Floor P.O. Box 2063 Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Hess:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) solicits the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's written concurrence to place the Safety Light Corporation (SLC) site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL).

The SLC site is located in Bloomsburg, Columbia County. Soils and groundwater are contaminated with radionuclides such as strontium-90, radium-226, cesium-137, and tritium, in addition to metals and volatile organic compounds. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that the cost of a full investigation and clean-up will far exceed the company's financial resources, and has therefore requested the assistance of EPA's Superfund Program. The SLC site was identified as an EPA-lead site during EPA-DEP workshare negotiations.

As we continue to work together to investigate and remediate hazardous waste sites throughout Pennsylvania, I look forward to the Commonwealth's response to this request. If any questions arise, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Abraham Ferdas, Director

Hazardous Site Cleanup Division

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